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LB 108

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...of the state of Nebraska. They couldn't do it if they wanted to.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd call the question, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The matter before the body is calling the question. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The question before the body is, shall debate now cease? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Dierks, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature. LB 108 leaves too much to the subjective judgment of the Director of Water Resources, for instance, water conflicts. How definite must reductions of the river flow be proven? To what extent is this process subject to whims, either environmental or other, of the director? This amendment would provide a more definite standard before addressing a measure of improving...imposing pumping standards is imposed. Addressing the concerns that the cost of studies will be prohibitive and burdensome, before we start spreading lots of money around, we need to have some definitions here. This amendment cuts to the chase. This bill is about protecting economic investments and protecting the future of irrigation rights, what trigger is needed for the actual economic motives. This amendment will answer those questions. I ask your support.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of AM3771 offered by Senator Dierks. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.